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A SPEECH SIGNAL USING AN AVERAGE
DISTANCE BETWEEN PEAKS, USE OF
THE METHOD, AND A DEVICE ADAPTED
THEREFOR

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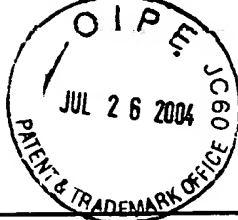
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